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## AMENDMENT B

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the outstanding Office Action mailed October 16, 2002 in the above captioned case. The Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following amendments and comments in light of this final Office Action. Please amend the application as follows:

## In the claims:

1. (Twice Amended)A method of sequencing DNA fragments comprising:

placing a DNA sample within a buffer in a separation apparatus having a plurality of migration channels;